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(54) **OPTICAL DISK COMPATIBLE WITH
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READ-ONLY AND REWRITABLE AREAS
WITH OVERLAPPING FORMATS**

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(57) ABSTRACT

The optical disk of this invention includes a read-only area in which a plurality of read-only tracks are formed and a rewritable area in which a plurality of rewritable tracks are formed, wherein each of the plurality of read-only tracks is divided into a plurality of first sectors, a signal is prerecorded in at least one of the plurality of first sectors under a predetermined reproduction format, each of the plurality of rewritable tracks is divided into a plurality of second sectors, a signal is recordable in at least one of the plurality of second sectors under a predetermined recording format including the predetermined reproduction format, and the read-only area is located on an inner portion of the optical disk, while the rewritable area is located on an outer portion of the optical disk.

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